

Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021
12:30-2:00 pm

Members Present: Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Sharon De Haven, Mary Dodge, Michael Sheridan. Also present: Andrea Landsberg

Recording Secretary: Sharon DeHaven and Katherine Branch

Old Business:

Updating CC website page. Approved the updated "Biodiversity and Wildlife" section with information grouped under three headings: In Your Backyard, If You Are Planning to Clear in a Forested Area, In Our Town of Cornwall, and Looking Beyond the Town Borders. A CC Mission Statement was approved:

"To engage in activities which assist the Town of Cornwall in identifying, understanding, and protecting its significant natural resources and to advise and assist the Town in developing and maintaining plans and regulations that support the conservation of these resources."

Website links have been checked and missing addresses are ready to be added. It would be helpful to have a section that lists prior CC events. Don will check with Sue Johnson about the feasibility and usefulness of his learning how to manage the CC website page.

"Get Pollinated" presentation (10/16/21). Katherine and Don reported on the Pollinator event. Laura Johnson from UVM Extension gave an outdoor presentation on attracting pollinators to backyards and properties. There was very high interest and a lot of engagement on the part of the twelve attendees.

Conservation Reserve Fund. Katherine will inquire whether placing this on the ballot in 2022 requires a petition with signatures. The same amount will be requested, \$3,500.00.

Backyard Conservation Blog. Andrea Landsberg shared her thoughts about how a blog format can encourage a dialog between community members about conservation. She also briefed the CCC on her research into what blog platform would be best for the backyard conservation blog. Google's Blogspot offers the most benefits and is free of charge. Andrea will start with a trial blog and invites suggestions about site names and resource people.

New Business:

MALT/Weybridge/Cornwall conservation fundraising discussion. Mary, Katherine, Jamie Brookside from MALT and Bill Roper from Weybridge have scheduled a meeting in early November to explore possibilities.

Addison County Wildlife Corridor Project. Bill Roper, from Weybridge, who is involved in this project will be invited to the November CCC meeting to discuss this project. About 20 -30 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to this discussion.

Next CCC Meeting: Thursday, November 12th 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter: October '21 (September); January '22 (December); April '22 (March); July '22 (June)